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December 19, 2011

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RE: POD 10-007, WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE

Chris Anderson

The Ramona Community Planning Group reviewed the proposed amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance for wind energy systems at the meeting December 1, 2011. The following motion was made:

Torry Brean

Matt Deskovick

Scotty Ensign

Carl Hickman

Eb Hogervorst

Dennis Sprong

Paul Stykel

Angus Tobiason

Richard Tomlinson

Kevin Wallace

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Piva".

JIM PIVA, Chair
Ramona Community Planning Group

MOTION: TO SEND THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON
INDEPENDENTLY MOUNTED SMALL WIND TURBINES:
- ON TOWERS WHERE THERE ARE PARKS, RESOURCE
CONSERVATION AREAS, OR OTHER OPEN SPACE AREAS,
A BUFFER OR RELATED MECHANISM BE
INCORPORATED (INTO THE PROJECT DESIGN) TO
MINIMIZE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO BIRDS AND BATS IN
THOSE AREAS; AND
- TO MAKE THE HEIGHT LIMITS OF TURBINES
CONSISTENT WITH THE HEIGHT LIMIT OF THE
COMMUNITY PLAN, AND IF IT GOES OVER THE HEIGHT
LIMIT, THEN COMMUNITY REVIEW BE REQUIRED.
The motion passed 13-0-0-2, with 2 members absent.

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Response to Comment Letter G

**Ramona Community Planning Group,
Jim Piva
December 19, 2011**

- G-1** This introductory comment establishes that the Ramona Community Planning Group (CPG) motion is related to small wind turbines.
- G-2** The comment requests that buffers or related mechanisms be included if small turbines affect parks, resource conservation areas, or other open space areas. The County does not agree with this recommendation. The suggested review and potential mitigation measures would be discretionary by definition. As such, it would conflict with the project objective to allow small wind turbines without a discretionary permit.
- G-3** The County does not agree with this recommendation. There are no height limitations specified anywhere within the Ramona Community Plan. Therefore, this requirement would result in confusion for staff and applicants.

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